



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

December 13, 2004

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For: OPERATING UNIT OF A VEHICLE HAVING AN AUTOMATIC BRAKING
DEVICE

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Group: 3661

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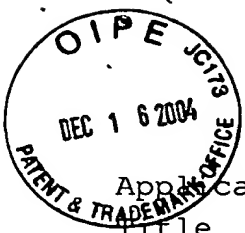
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 11, 2004,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

(Please see following pages.)



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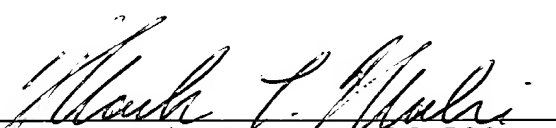
- Herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.
- [X] Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- [] The additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

| For | No. Filed | No. Extra | () LG Entity | RATE | (X) SM Entity | Fee |
|------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|------|---------------|---------|
| Total Claims | (22 - 22 = 0) | | x \$ 50.00 | | x \$ 25.00 | 0.00 |
| Indep. Claims | (8 - 8 = 0) | | x \$200.00 | | x \$100.00 | 0.00 |
| [] Multiple Dep. Claim | | | + \$360.00 | | + \$180.00 | 0.00 |
| * * * TOTAL FILING FEE * * * | | | | | | \$ 0.00 |

- [X] Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), please extend the shortened period for response by three (3) month(s). The extension fee is: \$510.00.
- [X] A Check for \$510.00 is enclosed to cover fees.
- [X] Please credit any overpayment, or charge any additional filing fee required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 by this communication, to Deposit Account No. 06-1382. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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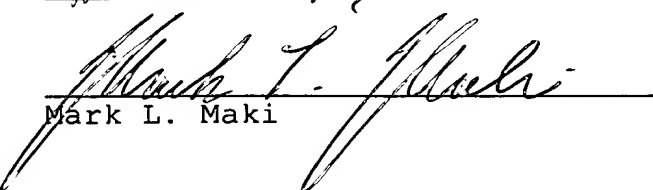
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